The Fast I have Chosen

ISAIAH 58, 59

Verses Matter!



<u>3 Nephi 3:7</u>

Or in other words, yield yourselves up unto us, and unite with us and become acquainted with our secret works, and become our brethren that ye may be like unto us....





Elder C.S. Lewis



The prayer preceding all prayers is: May it be the real I who speaks. May it be the real Thou that I speak to.'

Infinitely various are the levels from which we pray.

<u>Every idea of Him we form, He must</u> <u>in mercy shatter.</u>

Letters to Malcolm, Chiefly on Prayer.

If we are not careful, we will worship Gods of our own making....

Jewish Prayer Book

The Gods we worship write their names on our faces; be sure of that.

We will worship something- have no doubt of that either.

That which dominates our imagination and our thoughts will determine our life and character.

Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we are worshipping; for what we are worshipping, we are becoming.

(Congregational Prayer Book, 2008, p. 80)



"Barren" Part 2

Isaiah 56:3



1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

3 ¶Wherefore have we fasted, *say they,* and thou seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?...

Isaiah 58

Hebrew Reminder

Consonants, not vowels

Shalom (Peace): SLM

Melchiezedek: King of Salem (*SLM*) King of Peace

So...

Wedding Feast (FST) Law of the Fast (FST)



The Chosen Feast/Fast

Isaiah 58:6



The Chosen FastFeast Isaiah 58:6

- Is not this the fast that I (God) have chosen
 - to loose the bands of wickedness
 - to *undo* the heavy burdens
 - To let the oppressed go free and that
 - Ye break every yoke

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that Thou bring the poor that are cast out of thy house? When Thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Then Shall <u>thy light</u> break forth as the morning And <u>thy health</u> shall spring forth speedily Then Shall <u>thou call</u>, and the Lord shall answer; Thou <u>shalt cry</u>, and he shall say, Here I am.

And if thou draw out thy soul <u>to the hungry</u> And satisfy the <u>afflicted soul</u> Then shall <u>thy light</u> rise in obscurity, And <u>thy darkness</u> be as noonday.

And the <u>Lord shall guide thee</u> continually And <u>satisfy thy soul in drought</u>, and make fat thy bones And thou shalt be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters fail not.

Proper Shabbat Observance

Isaiah 58:13



When the Lord Comes

Isaiah 59:16